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TO AMEMBASSY SOFIA IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: ACCREDITATION OF CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, A.I.

REF: SOFIA 1834

1. DEPARTMENT, RECOGNIZING GOB INTERPRETATION OF VIENNA  
CONVENTION IS CORRECT, DELIVERED NOTE IN PARAGRAPH TWO  
TO AMBASSADOR POPOV ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31.

2. NOTE IS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE. THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
PRESENTS HIS COMPLIMENTS TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE AMBASSADOR  
OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA AND HAS THE HONOR TO  
REQUEST THAT THE AMBASSADOR INFORM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA THAT FROM  
AUGUST 22, 1977, UNTIL THE PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS OF  
AMBASSADOR RAYMOND L. GARTHOFF, COUNSELOR CHARLES T. MAGEE  
WILL SERVE AS CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, AD INTERIM, OF THE EMBASSY  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN SOFIA. UNQUOTE.

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3. IRONIC ASPECT OF THIS SITUATION IS THAT THE BULGARIAN  
EMBASSY HERE WAS ALSO IN VIOLATION OF THE VIENNA CONVENTION.  
AMBASSADOR POPOV DESIGNATED TOSHKOV AS CHARGE BEGINNING  
JULY 7; TOSHKOV THEN DESIGNATED VELICHKOV AS CHARGE BEGIN-  
NING AUGUST 1, A TECHNICAL VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 19. HOW-

EVER, AMBASSADOR POPOV HAD REQUESTED EUR/EE IN ADVANCE  
WHETHER IT WOULD CAUSE ANY PROBLEM FOR TOSHKOV TO DESIG-  
NATE VELICHKOV AS CHARGE, AND EUR/EE GENEROUSLY (AND IN  
IGNORANCE OF ARTICLE 19) SAID THAT IT WOULD NOT.

4. PLEASE DELIVER A COPY OF NOTE IN PARA TWO TO MFA AND  
NOTE THAT DEPARTMENT, FACING SIMILAR TECHNICAL VIOLATION  
OF VIENNA CONVENTION, CHOSE TO IGNORE IT IN THE INTERESTS  
OF SMOOTH WORKING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT AND  
THE BULGARIAN EMBASSY. WE HAVE TOLD POPOV, AND YOU MAY  
TELL MFA, THAT WE HOPE THERE IS NO NEED TO MAKE A FUSS  
ABOUT THIS IN THE FUTURE. CHRISTOPHER

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